Routine tests on Saturdays

67. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether routine TMT tests, Echocardiography tests and Coronary Angiography tests are not being done in Safdarjung Hospital on Saturdays, a closed holiday for Government Employees;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the loss of money so caused to Government thereof; and

(c) what punitive action Government propose to take against the authority on whose orders the said tests are not being conducted on Saturdays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Routine TMT tests, Echocardiography tests and Coronary Angiography tests are done on Saturdays in Safdarjung Hospital as and when required.

Health Education

68. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to come up with a health education package for students which would focus on healthy lifestyle and cover topics like sexual behaviour and evils of tobacco, alcohol and drugs use;

(b) whether only two teachers and two students each in 1.4 lakh high schools have been trained about the subject and there is a need to do more;

(c) whether the Union Health Minister while launching the third phase of the National AIDS Control Programme, approving Rs. 11,585 crore for it; and

(d) whether the new subject is one of the main topics of focus in NACP-III?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir, The Ministry is proposing a School Health Programme in the 11th Five Year Plan which would include the said components.

The new national programme on tobacco control *i.e.* National Tobacco Control Programme has been launched with the aim of bringing about greater awareness and to improve the enforcement capacity of the State Governments in implementation of the Anti-tobacco Act, 2003.

Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has launched a package known as Toolkit on Adolescence Education Programme (AEP). This covers contents related to process of growing up during adolescence, HIV/AIDS and drug (substance) abuse. Adolescence education is

aimed at helping students acquire authentic knowledge about these concerns, inculcating positive attitude and developing the needed life skills to empower them to practice responsible sexual behaviour, avoid risky situations and shun drug abuse.

The package of materials developed in 2005 is under thorough review by a committee set up by NACO.

The Government has also set up a website on healthy lifestyle (www.health-india.org) to promote positive public health measures.

Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), a broad framework for implementation of School Health Programme has been circulated to all the States/UTs for incorporation in the State Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under NRHM. The broad framework for implementation provides for innovative school health programme to be taken up for a range of issues in Public Health and funding will be as per specific proposal from School/Block/Districts convergence into State plans. The broad framework for implementation *inter-alia* highlights coverage of health, nutrition, health education, Yoga, meditation and sports in school curriculum as a key issue. The illustrative list of specific activities that could be funded under the school health programme under NRHM *inter-alia* includes development of training material and insertion of health & nutrition education in school curriculum.

A national level meeting of Directors of State Council of Education Research and Training on School Health Promotion was conducted by the Central Health Education Bureau, with the objective of understanding and popularising the concept of "Health Promoting Schools".

(b) So far 1,12,345 secondary and senior secondary schools have been covered out of 1,44,409 government and government-aided schools in the country and 2.88 lakh teachers have been trained under the programme.

NCERT and MHRD in collaboration with NACO has prepared plan to cover all the 1,53,000 secondary and senior secondary schools across the country including the private schools during 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Two teachers and two peer educators from each school are being trained among various kinds of activities being conducted under the AEP.

(c) The total investment required for next five years to implement the National Aids Control Programme Phase III (2007-12) is Rs. 11,585 crore. Government spending would be only Rs. 8023 crores which includes an amount of Rs.1499 crores for procurement of condoms etc. Remaining amount of Rs. 3562 crores will be raised from private foundations and other donors.

(d) The health education package for students is one of the programme areas of the NACP-III as persons in the age group of 15-29 constitute 31% of the reported cases of AIDS.

The Adolescence Education Programme is also a part of the strategy of mainstreaming HIV/AIDS prevention under NACP-III.